

RESOLUTIONS
OF THE
LEGISLATURE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE,

OPPOSED

To any measure to divide the proceeds of the sales of the public lands among the several States.

DECEMBER 31, 1839.

Laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Whereas, certain propositions have been before the Congress of the United States, having for their object the distribution of the proceeds of the sales of the public lands, and whereas such a measure in the opinion of this Legislature is not only unconstitutional, but is calculated to diminish the public revenue and increase indirect taxation, by affording a pretext for the continuance of a high tariff, Therefore—

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and the Representatives from this State be requested, to oppose every attempt which shall be made to divide the proceeds of the sales of the public lands among the several States, or to make any other disposition thereof except for the constitutional purpose of providing for the common welfare and general defence of the United States.

And be it further resolved, That the Secretary of State be directed to furnish each of the Senators and Representatives in Congress from this State with a copy of this resolution.

MOSES NORRIS, JR.,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JAMES McK. WILKINS,
President of the Senate.

Approved, July 6, 1839.

JOHN PAGE, *Governor.*

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, *July 25, 1839.*

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original record now in this office.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed the seal of said [L. S.] State.

JOSIAH STEVENS, JR.,
Secretary of State.

